



Hood Canal Bridge Project

OLYMPIC PENINSULA TRAVELER ADVISORY

Two 3-Day Closures in the Works for Hood Canal Bridge

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Late this summer a major access point for the Olympic Peninsula, the Hood Canal Bridge on State Route (SR) 104, will be closed twice, with each closure lasting three days, to replace the approach spans at either end of the bridge. These closures are necessary as part of the Washington State Department of Transportation's (WSDOT) efforts to retrofit and replace sections of the bridge.

WHEN WILL THE 3-DAY CLOSURES HAPPEN?

- **CLOSURE 1:** Thursday, August 11, 8:00 PM to Monday, August 15, 4:00 AM
- **CLOSURE 2:** Sunday, August 21, 8:00 PM to Thursday, August 25, 4:00 AM

The closures must take place during the summer, when weather and tidal conditions are optimal.

WHY ARE THE CLOSURES NECESSARY?

WSDOT is installing wider bridge approach spans in preparation for the eventual replacement of the east half of the floating bridge.

WHERE IS THE BRIDGE?

The Hood Canal Bridge is located on SR 104 at the north end of Hood Canal in the Puget Sound Region of Washington State. It serves as a major east-west link connecting communities on the Olympic Peninsula, including Port Townsend, Sequim and Port Angeles, with the Kitsap Peninsula and points east, including Seattle and Tacoma.

WHO IS AFFECTED?

Tourists and recreationists planning to visit the Olympic Peninsula in August or September of 2005 should monitor the closure schedule for this project. This is most easily accomplished by signing up for the Hood Canal Bridge e-newsletter when visiting www.hoodcanalbridge.com. This website provides a wealth of information about the project and is updated frequently. Those who do not have access to the Internet can call toll-free 1-877-595-HCB2 (4222).

WHAT ARE SOME OTHER WAYS TO GET TO THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA?

The five most direct alternative routes to the Olympic Peninsula during the two 3-day closures are listed below.

- **From Olympia:** Starting from Olympia, take US 101 northbound along the western shore of Hood Canal.
- **From Tacoma and Bremerton:** Take SR 16 from Tacoma, across the Narrows Bridge to its intersection with Southbound SR 3 just south of Bremerton. Follow SR 3 to where it intersects with US 101, and follow US 101 northbound.
- **From Seattle:** Take the Washington State Ferry from Seattle to Bremerton, then follow the signs for SR 304 West until the turn off to Southbound SR 3 just south of Bremerton. Take SR 3 to where it intersects with US 101, and follow US 101 northbound.
- **From North Puget Sound Area:** Take the Washington State Ferry from Keystone (on Whidbey Island north of Seattle) to Port Townsend.
- **From Olympia via Aberdeen/Hoquiam:** Starting from the Aberdeen/Hoquiam area (on the Washington coast west of Olympia), take US 101 northbound. This is a substantially longer route that includes the Pacific coastline and parts of Olympic National Park.

There are additional, though less direct, routes to the Kitsap and Olympic peninsulas via Washington State Ferries. Visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries for more information. Additionally, commercial ferries, commercial airlines and air charter services provide service to the Olympic Peninsula. Visit www.northwestsecretplaces.com for more information.

HOW CAN PEOPLE STAY UP TO DATE ON THE CLOSURE SCHEDULE?

The easiest way to stay informed is by signing up for the Hood Canal Bridge e-newsletter at www.hoodcanalbridge.com. This website provides a wealth of information about the project and is updated frequently. Those who do not have access to the Internet can call toll-free 1-877-595-HCB2 (4222). WSDOT is providing additional support materials to keep the news media well informed as well as providing in-route information through handouts, signs and highway advisory radio.

Hood Canal Bridge Project **DETOUR MAP**

